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## LETTERS OF WILLIAM FITZHUGH.

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Nov. 3rd, 1690.

Mr. Nich<sup>l</sup> Hayward :

The enclosed speaks its own business which I would request the favour of you to get copied over & deliver to Coll<sup>o</sup> Ludwell who is interested for the Lord Culpepper's heirs & now in London. The reason I would not have it appear in my own hand is, because the Government at present is bent against it, for what reasons is best known to themselves, for my shallow apprehen. cant reach them. My lady Berkley, I dare say will be very free in communicating the same to you, wherein you will see to the reputation of your brother, the fair & full Record of Stafford county & likewise to add to its lustre Disjointed & Irregular Record of our Chief or generall court. It much concerns me perhaps as much in Reputation as Interest, it being the first law suit I ever had in my life & therefore am mighty solicitous not to miscarry therein, esteeming the Well manage of this, the presentation of many others, as also the thing itself requires it for the land in Contreversie is nearly worth £300 Sterling Your friendly assistance is desired by

Your Wff.

Coll<sup>o</sup> Ludwell either lives or may be heard of at W. Berrys. Brother Luke I dare say will contribute his assistance.

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James Town, Oct. 27, 1690.

Brother Luke:

Because you shall see I will miss no opportunity, I take this from James Town, by the latter ships, to acquaint you that when I came from home both yours and my family were well and in health. Just this day I mined Mr. Secretary Cole in your behalf, about the Sherriffs place, who still promises fair, time must give an account of his performance. You have a fair opportunity to serve your self there, by his Lordship, to whom

before this I hope you have applyed your self and given him from me my most obedient service. And withall I would have you be actively Industrious about the Collectors place of our River, more particularly for the upper District, which was divided from Popes Creek upward and from thence downwards, and was always formerly in two Collector's hands, which made it more easie both to master and Merchant and more advantageous to the King's Interest and more satisfactory to the People. Whereas now, as you of your own knowledge know, for want of a Collector for the upper District (as indeed in James River, there is two Collectors where the River is not so large) abundance of the Tob<sup>o</sup> in our parts is carried to Maryland, & some Ships that would trade with us when they are up here, but are so discouraged at the remoteness of the Collector, that they choose to go clear away into Maryland, as you know two or three did this last Summer, whereby the King loses his Dutys here, the Governor his advantages, the People the opportunity of goods and trade, this might easily be remedied if there were two Collectors as formerly, and as it is now in James River. I would have you be diligent w<sup>th</sup> my Lord Howard in this affair, and obtain the place either for yourself or me, for if I have it, it shall be as convenient to you and easie for trade as if you had it your self, I can't imagine you will miscarry in it, if his Lordship has the disposall thereof as Governor, considering there is no prejudice done to any, by reason it was two distinct Districts & the greatness of the place requires it. I believe also its advisable for you to shew this to Mr. Nicholas Hayward, our very good friend, in whose pleasing Society, I question not, but before this time you have had, a delightful enjoyment, who will if he embarks therein, effectually I dare say manage and obtain, especially if you be to him full in your Relation, giving him an account of my commodious Scituation for such an undertaking, and withall the conveniencys and inconveniencys thereof w<sup>ch</sup> I question not but you will fully manage, and rather than miscarry I would have you concern your Uncle Sr. H. Winch, &c. If you find at last that no Collectors place can be obtained, without it be to the person of a Councillor, then you must desist, I know nothing else can oppose an ingenious management. I must beg you to supply my defects in this concern by your own more ingenious

skill and knowledge. Sr. Since your going I have undertaken the manage of the division betwixt you and Harry Meerest and have already had the Orchard Divided, and intend the rest upon my return from Town, which will give quietness to my Sister in your absence and to yourself upon your return if you do not better supply yourself there. The Conclusion of Parson Waugh's business is, He has made a publick & humble acknowledgem<sup>t</sup> in the Generall Court, by a set form drawn up by the Court and ordered there to be Recorded, and is appointed to do the same in our County Court, as soon as I come home, with a hearty penitence for his former faults and a promised obedience for the future, which he sincerely prays for the accomplishment of and for the sake of his Coat to do so.

Sr : You know some of the newest book's if they be ingenious will be mighty acceptable as will likewise a full account of the news. David Shore's business, Arthur Spicer and I have agreed to determine betwixt you. Mason's business appeared with such a Report from the Referrees, Allerton & Lee (back friends to us both as this Court then found) that there was neither word nor Argument to be used. When I see you shall be more full, &c. Sr : The above is a copy of my former sent by Norrington, which I now thought not inconvenient to Duplicate, because these wars make so great uncertainty of the safe arrival of Ships. About a month since I received one single letter from you which I believe came in Burnham, where I congratulate your safe arrival and kind reception by your friends. In it there was one to my Sister, which is the only letter also that she has received, which I immediately carried her myself, and therein had a larger account of news than in my own. I suppose you will have a full answer of that from herself by this conveniency.

And now Sr. I will give you a full answer to mine, And begin as you begin first with the Sheriffs place, which to accomplish according to your Desires and for your advantage (though I must tell you I had no such information from the inclosed as your letter directs nor nothing farther of it than barely your writing so) went immediately to Arthur Spicer's, shewed him your letter just as he was going to Town; desired him to apply himself to Mr. Secretary Cole to whom I also writ acquainting him with your information, who promised faithfully a diligent

pursuit of the same, from thence I applied myself to Coll<sup>o</sup> Allerton, shewed him likewise your letter, who gave me his assurance to use his utmost endeavours therein the result is not yet arrived to me because the Assembly is sitting and no Commissions come out, which now I every day expect. I am heartily glad you are so well esteemed, and in such good respect with your uncle S<sup>r</sup> Henry Winch and have so good an Introduction to renew your former acquaintance, and advance your interest with my Lord How<sup>d</sup> which I don't question, but you will so discretely & wisely manage that they will find great satisfaction not only in continuing and heaping their favours, both to your future advantage and reputation, and both have cause to rejoice one in so hopeful a nephew the other in so discreet a friend. I find also that now you are in a hopeful way of managing that concern of the collectors place, especially now because Coll. Lee, in whose hands it now is by refusing to take the appointed oath to be taken to King William, &c., it is said has made himself incapable of bearing any office or place and consequently the place not to be compleatly supplied till my Lord Howard's particular appointment, which luckily now gives you a full opportunity for performance, which opportunity, I assure myself, you will dextrously manage.

I must acknowledge myself highly obliged, by your means to your uncle Sir H. Winch, for his nomination of me to that honour. Your letter mentions of being added to the council and under great obligations to his Lordship for kindly hearkening and almost agreeing to it, which I never did nor yet am not so ambitiously foolish, as to think of. Pray, Sir, therefore be so kind as to fit my humble and hearty acknowledgements for so great a favour in a suitable style and fit expressions for their acceptance. Coll<sup>o</sup> Ludwell's being at my house last summer when you brought him has occasioned me some ill thoughts, from our Lieutenant Governor, which he has declared to severall, some of whom has been so kind as to inform me. He being informed that I joined with him in opposing the Government about the Northern Neck & that I was principall officer under him in the management of that affair and divers other things which raised a very great prejudice against me in his and some of the Councils opinion and I know not but may be so represented to

my Lord Howard in England. How clear I am of those aspersions yourself very well knows, being at my house the whole time of his being there and as well know that I was no way concerned, either in one thing or other, with him or any manner of his affairs though I gave him the civility of my house and had a sufficient trouble thereby as you are very sensible of. Pray S<sup>r</sup> endeavour to know of my Lord whether there be any such representations made, and if there be please to clear them to his Lordship and manifest my Innocency, which you may be able to testify, as being an Eye and an Ear witness during his whole stay.

But I think I am as well fitted for that as for my former trouble, when I stood in the gap and kept off an approaching Rebellion, to my no small charge and trouble, as you fully know, being sending almost every day for five months together, and writing with my own above three quires of paper, to quash the raised storys and settle their pannick fears, having my house most part of the time constantly thronged, and in daily expectation of being plundered by the Rabble, and once of being treacherously murdered, for all which charge and trouble, I being out as you well know above £25 sterling, particularly for messengers sent severally up and down, beside the purchasing the powder and shot for our men in arms, for all which I thought at least I deserved thanks if no Retalliation; but thank God I have missed them both, and can do it with cheerfulness; but to be disregarded, nay & slighted too, and to see those mischievous active Instruments as you well know Waugh & Mason &c., the only men in favour, and the only men taken notice thereof, grates harder than the non payment for powder shot and other disbursements. I thought good to intimate this to you, that you may give my Lord a particular account of that whole affair (wherein his Lordship as you know from those persons miss'd not his share of the scandall &c.), and fully set forth to him the wickedness of Waugh & Mason &c., the at present, grand favorites; but I hope upon his Lordship's arrivall the scene of affairs may be changed. Please to bring me in if you can meet with it Rusworth's third part of his Historiall Collections, which begins from the Parliament in 1640 and carrys transactions on to the year 1653. Also Cornelius Aggrippa's Occult Philosophy in English if it be procured, if not then one

in Latin. I hope to see you in early at the fall, when I shall be able more fully to discourse all matters with you and to assure you I am sir

Your Wff.

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May 20, 1691.

Brother Luke :

I write this particularly by itself and make a Conclusion in the former, because if you have occasion and see convenient you may let any one see it, and save yourself some labour of discoursing some matters, that are discours'd upon your manage. I have sent Hawkins up and down to every house to look about your Tob<sup>o</sup>, who renders me a very vile account thereof, some gone, some hogbeds, and some damnify'd and that, that remains good, there is such plenty of new Tob<sup>o</sup> there's no disposing a pound thereof, for Mr. Harrison neither look'd after it himself & discouraged Hawkins in the looking after it. I hope you remember the Hospital boy, that I desired you to bring in, as also to perswade a Minister in, if you can with a sober serious learned one. I suppose my sister will be large with you about your family affairs, that I Need add no further, I am

With Sincerity S'r,

Your Wff.

To Mr. George Luke at &c.

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May 20th, 1691.

Mr. Nicholas Hayward:

Sr. Your only and single letter dated 18th Nov'r came to hand about a month since, Wherein I find the Welcome news of your good health and continuation of your often repeated favours which were both extreamly welcome to me; your brother has not yet received one line, which miscarriage something troubles him not doubting but you have often written. Your Kindness about the money for the Smith is extreamly welcome to him, I suppose he will by this conveniency thankfully acknowledge it. As I must with all sincere affections imaginable acknowledge your Most obliging favours about the care and conduct of my son, if I had sent him thither, which nothing but that present conveniency that I fortunately met with should have hindered,

for he rather exceeds than comes short of my expectation. My wife Accepts the same with an hearty zeal and desired me to return your self and Lady her Sincere thanks and humble service. Sr. Your continuall favours prompted me to add that to the rest of the purchase of Waugh's tract, which if it be not done before this Return will now be facilitated, for he is Now Making promises to Mrs. Meese of payment, as he has done eleven years already to Mr. Secretary Spencer without performance of a penny & so his beginning will appear to her for I suppose upon his promise of consigning Tob<sup>o</sup> toward the payment of it, She took freight, or Mr. Storke in her behalf for him, which he had neither thoughts nor capacity to comply with one hh<sup>4</sup> of, when it came to him, I question not but he will find this year a pretension for that failure, but I dare venture to give her my Lady's if in ten years he comply with £20 of the purchase. I thank your Kindness about the Chaise Roulant & the books and doubt Not their reception this year, the present dangers only excepted. Sir I truly condole your unsuccessful (though chargeable and vigorous) proceeding about Brenton the unsteadiness of the times Since the first undertaking has been a great hindrance thereto, When or Whether they will end, for your advantageous prospect and Interest in that concern, I believe is uncertain, to you that are thereupon the Theatre where those bloody tragedies are acted (and which occasions such burdensome and ruinous losses to one or other dayly) much more to us at this distance; I am glad your Hudson's Bay Interest makes you some Compensation.

Sr. am extremely troubled that Madam Letten took no care for freight, when I gave her the assurance her Tob<sup>o</sup> would be all ready, and positive directions to take it, which made her Tob<sup>o</sup> long before the arrivall of any ships, which now I fear will be much worse for lying. I have now above 100 hhds of my own, which can neither sell nor get freight for, the greatest part of w<sup>ch</sup> I doubt will be much damnified and some part of it utterly lost. Please to assure her, Sr, the same care I use about my own, as in sending to the particular houses severall times to view it, the same I shall take about hers. During the year I received none but for the sale of the goods for which I writ for certain freights, which your brother can inform you I could not

avoid receiving and employed his Clerk and Receiver to receive the same, under an assurance of freight, so that your and her arrears that little that it is, lyes for a better time, if time dont waste it, by the death, running away, &c., of the Debtors. Truly I took upon myself the Principall in being your Factor, for really the thanks and acknowledgements you are pleased to give me are of more value than that whole Concern as it now Stands. In my former I gave you the assurance and still continue the same of my utmost service towards the settlement of your contiguous tract, and can also assure you that your Brother has been carefully diligent in providing and grafting trees for orcharding these, truly effects are not answerable to the services done, for want of care in the Inhabitant there, for without a constant care and diligent Eye, a well made plantation will run to Ruin, What a new made plantation will arrive to where that's wanting (which hitherto has been your unfortunacy in this country concerns) I leave yourself to judge. And what in my former letter I severall times inculcated.

Sr. Preparation for an Orchard is soon made and that as soon planted, but without a constant care and continuall residence thereupon, the labour and care of seven years is destroyed in as many hours. Capt. Gutteridge and Brother Luke very well know the man that has the management of your plantation, please to enquire of them your expecta<sup>n</sup> from the above premises. Sir I heartily congratulate and Emulate also my Brother's Luke's fortunacy in the enjoyment of your good company and as heartily thank your kind remembrance of us (in this war times) almost-deserted people here, for we have hardly supply sufficient to make you return. My Orchard I must confess, contributes largely to my present supply and gives me from its loaden boughs a promised assurance of a future gratification Which I'll assure we never chearfully pass about yo'r self unremembered. I one thought this year to come upon you of a sudden, but the dangerousness of the Seas and troublesomeness of a Prison, took me quite off that inclination, continually pleased myself with the full opportunity I should have in acknowledging your many and manifold obligations and favours and thankfully myself appearing to be. I hope Sr. you have receiv'd my money of Mr. Storke for the produce of the Tob<sup>o</sup>

consigned him in Cap' Gutteridge. I have drawn a bill of Exchange upon you for £11.10 payable to Doct<sup>r</sup> Clark. If it comes to hand please to let it have due acceptance. This duplicated and triplicated.

To Mr. Nicholas Hayward &c.

### Major Robert Beverley and His Descendants.

By W. G. STANARD.

(CONTINUED.)

12. ELIZABETH BEVERLEY<sup>3</sup> (*Peter*,<sup>2</sup> *Robert*<sup>1</sup>), second daughter, b. Jan. 1st, 1691, d. Dec. 26, 1723; married June 22d, 1709, Colonel William Randolph, Jr., of "Turkey Island," Henrico county (son of Colonel William Randolph\* of the same place, who was born 1651, came

\*The following pedigree of the Randolphs is chiefly from an heraldic visitation of Northamptonshire:

